



AGENDA ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**Monday, January 4, 2016
7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers**

1. **PRAYER – Ed Deni**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL.**
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT.**
5. **MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS.**
 - **Special Meeting – December 21, 2015**
 - **Regular Meeting – December 21, 2015**
6. **SPECIAL GUESTS.**
7. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS.**
8. **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS.**
9. **TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS.**
10. **TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS.**
11. **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.**
 - **Enfield High School Renovation Building Committee**
12. **OLD BUSINESS.**
 - A. **Appointment(s) - Town Council Appointed.**
 1. **Ethics Commission (Alternate) – A Vacancy Exist for a Regular Member (R).**
Replacement Would be Until 10/31//2017.(Tabled 12/06/2010)
 2. **Ethics Commission (Alternate) – A Vacancy Exist Due to the Regular Appointment of Ben Ide (U).** Replacement Would be Until 10/31/2017.(Tabled 12/06/2010)
 3. **Connecticut Water Company Advisory Council Enfield Representatives-**
A Vacancy Exist Due to a Resignation (R). Replacement Would be Until 01/01/2018. (Tabled 04/16/2012)

4. **Connecticut River Assembly** – The Term of Office of William Garner, Regular (D) Expired on 01/12/2013. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 01/12/2019. (Tabled 02/04/2012)
5. **Area 25 Cable Television Advisory Committee** - The Term of Office of William St. George (I) Expired 06/30/2012. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 06/30/16. (Tabled 04/15/2013)
6. **Area 25 Cable Television Advisory Committee-** A Vacancy Exists Due to the Resignation of Stephen Moriarty (U) Expired 6/30/2014. Replacement Would be Until 6/30/2016. (Tabled 09/15/2014)
7. **Clean Energy Committee-** The Term of Office of Valerie Bak (D), Expires 03/17/15. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 03/17/2019. (Tabled 04/06/15)
8. **Clean Energy Committee-** A Vacancy Exists Due to the Resignation of Daniel Glogowski (D), Expires 03/17/15. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 03/17/2019. (Tabled 04/06/15)
9. **North Central District Health Department Board of Directors, Enfield Representative** – A Vacancy Exists due to the Resignation of Trish Vayda (D), Expired 06/30/2014. Replacement Would be Until 06/30/2016. (Tabled 05/18/2015)
10. **Inland Wetland and Watercourse Agency** – A Vacancy Exists Due to the Resignation of Jill Krawiec (D) Expires 06/30/2015. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 06/30/2019. (Tabled 07/06/2015)
11. **Patriot Award Committee-** The Term of Office of Peter Falk (R), Expires 07/31/2015. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 07/31/2017. (Tabled 08/3/2015)
12. **Enfield High School Building Committee** - A Vacancy Exists Due to the Appointment of Laura Vella (U) to a Regular Member. Replacement is Indefinite. (Tabled 10/05/2015)
13. **Inland Wetland and Watercourse Agency (Alternate)** – A Vacancy Exists Due to the Appointment of Robert Chagnon (R) to a Regular Member. Replacement Would be Until 06/30/2017. (Tabled 10/05/2015)
14. **Commission on Aging (Alternate)** – A Vacancy Exists due to the Reappointment of Pauline LaCroix (D) to a Regular Member. Replacement Would be Until 12/31/2017. (Tabled 10/05/2015)
15. **Clean Energy Committee** – A vacancy Exists Due to the Resignation of Douglas Lombardi (R), Replacement Would be Until 03/17/2016. (Tabled 12/07/2015)
16. **Enfield Beautification Committee-** The Term of Office of Diane Tapp (R) Expires 12/01/2015. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 12/01/2018. (Tabled 12/07/2015)

- 17. Enfield High School Renovation Building Committee** – A Vacancy Exists Due to the Resignation of Walter Kruzel (R), Replacement Would be Indefinite. (Tabled 12/07/2015)
- 18. Enfield High School Renovation Building Committee** – A Vacancy Exists Due to the Resignation of George Rypysc (D), Replacement Would be Indefinite. (Tabled 12/07/2015)
- 19. Ethics Commission** – A Vacancy Exists Due to the Resignation of David Lapierre, Secretary, (U). Replacement Would be Until 10/31/2017. (Tabled 12/07/2015)
- 20. Clean Energy Committee**- A Vacancy Exists Due to the Resignation of Stephen Moriarty (R). Replacement Would be Until 03/17/2018. (Tabled 12/21/2015)
- 21. Loan Review Committee** – The Term of Office of Jason Jones (R), Expires 12/31/2015. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 12/31/2017. (Tabled 12/21/2015)
- 22. Planning and Zoning Commission** – The Term of Office of Lori Longhi (D), Expires 12/31/2015. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 12/31/2019. (Tabled 12/21/2015)
- 23. Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate)** – The Term of Office of James Brislin (R), Expires 12/31/2015 and is no Longer a Resident. Replacement Would be Until 12/31/2018. (Tabled 12/21/2015)
- 24. Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate)** – The Term of Office of Robert Gillespie (R), Expires 12/31/2015. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 12/31/2018. (Tabled 12/21/2015)
- 25. Zoning Board of Appeals** – The Term of Office of Peter Yarum (D), Expires 12/31/2015. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 12/31/2018. (Tabled 12/21/2015)

B. Appointment(s) - Town Manager Appointed/Council Approved.

- 1. Housing Code Appeals Board (Alternate)** - The Term of Office of Constance P. Harmon (R) Expired on 05/01/2001. Replacement Would be Until 05/01/2016. (Tabled 05/07/2001)
- 2. Housing Code Appeals Board (Alternate)** - The Term of Office of Lawrence P. Tracey, Jr. (R), Insurance, Expired 05/01/2006. Replacement Would be Until 05/01/2016. (Tabled 05/01/2006)
- 3. Building Code Appeals Board** – A Vacancy Exist for Contractor (D), Expired 11/01/2004. Replacement Would be Until 11/01/2016. (Tabled 11/25/2004)
- 4. Building Code Appeals Board** - A Vacancy Exists Due to the Resignation of Kenneth J. Bergeron, (D) Chairman, Architect. Replacement Would be Until 11/01/2016. (Tabled 10/16/2006)
- 5. Fair Rent Commission** – The Term of Office of Samuel McGill (D), Expired 06/30/2008. Replacement Would be Until 06/30/2016.

6. Building Code Appeals Board - A Vacancy Exists Due to the Resignation of Howard Coro, (D). Replacement Would be Until 11/01/2018. (Tabled 02/04/2013)

7. Building Code Appeals Board- The Term of Office of Gary Sullivan, Engineer Expired on 11/01/2014. Reappointment of Replacement Would be Until 11/01/2019.(Tabled 11/17/2014)

- C. Discussion:** Establish Community Center Study Committee. (Develop Charge and Appoint Members) (Tabled 01/05/2009)
- D. Discussion:** Higgins Park on the Green (Tabled 11/10/14)
- E. Discussion/Resolution:** Resolution Adopting Amendments to Town Code, Chapter 58, Peddlers and Solicitors.(Tabled 09/21/2015)
- F. Discussion:** Circle Drive (Tabled 10/05/2015)
- G. Discussion:** Scantic River Park(Tabled 10/05/2015)
- H. Discussion:** Energy Performance Special Referendum. (Tabled 12/21/2015)
- I. Discussion:** Commemorative Partner Program. (Tabled 12/21/2015)

13. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Consent Agenda – Action.**
- B. Appointment(s)–Town Council Appointed.**
- C. Appointment(s) – Town Manager Appointed/Council Approved.**

14. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- A. **Consent Agenda – Review.**
- B. Appointment(s) – Town Council Appointed.**
 - 1. Connecticut River Assembly (Alternate)** - The Term of Office of Leonard Delorge Expires 01/12/2016. Replacement Would be Until 01/12/2018.
 - 2. Library Board of Trustees** – The Term of Office of Marion Maruca (R), Expired 12/31/2015. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 12/31/2018.
 - 3. Library Board of Trustees** – The Term of Office of Sandra Nuccio (R), Expired 12/31/2015. Reappointment or Replacement Would be Until 12/31/2018.
 - 4. Zoning Board of Appeals** – A Vacancy Exists due to the Resignation of Lynn Scull (D). Replacement Would be Until 12/31/2017.
- C. Appointment(s) – Town Manager Appointed/Council Approved**
- D. Appointment(s) – P & Z Commission Appointed- Council Approved**

1. **Capital Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission (Alternate)** - The Term of Office of Lori Longhi, (D) Expires 12/31/2015. Reappointment Would be Until 12/31/2017.
2. **Capital Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission-** The Term of Office of Alan Drinan, (U) Expires 12/31/2015. Reappointment Would be Until 12/31/2017.
- E. ****Discussion/Resolution:** Request for Transfers of Funds for CIP School Playgrounds \$106,436.99.
- F. ****Discussion/Resolution:** 8-24 Referral to Planning and Zoning Commission for Conveyance of Land on the North Side of Oliver Road.
- G. ****Discussion/Resolution:** Resolution Amending Resolution #3410, an 8-24 Referral to Acquire Three Drainage Easements.
15. **MISCELLANEOUS**
16. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS/APPLIES ONLY IF PRIOR TO 11:00 p.m.**
17. **COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS.**
18. **ADJOURNMENT.**

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 ** MOVE TO MISCELLANEOUS
 *** WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR REAPPOINTMENT

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015**

A Special Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Enfield Room of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, December 21, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL-CALL –Present were Councilors Arnone, Bosco, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin, Lee, Sarno, Stokes and Szewczak. Also present were Acting Town Manager, Lee Erdmann; Acting Assistant Town Manager Development Services, Peter Bryanton; Town Attorney, Kevin Deneen; and Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki

SPECIAL GUESTS

Present for this discussion were Senator John Kissel and State Representatives David Alexander and David Kiner.

Senator Kissel stated it's difficult to make predictions at this time. He noted the leadership on his side is looking for some long-term structural changes as far as how state government operates, and they're trying to drive down the projected deficits for the out-going years. He noted the majority side nibbled at those ideas and set up mechanisms to move it forward, however, they're not immediate, and they have no necessary outcome the way they'd like to have it driven. He cited an example that he heard there was some interest in closing the Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS) and the Governor was also looking favorably upon that, but Joseph Aresimowicz, the Majority Leader in the House, wanted a no lay-off pledge, and that wasn't going to be possible. He stated there probably would have been quite a few transfers to the Correctional Department, but in the space of the last couple days of negotiations, that wasn't going to happen so that basically got taken off the table. He noted the Governor since came out and stated he'd like to close CJTS, but it's something that would happen over the long term with protection for State employees and transfers and attritions.

He stated there was good progress in having everyone around one table and discussing ideas, and some leaders bonded better than others, however, there seemed to be a little bickering between the Speaker and his leader. He noted his leader does most of his dealing with Senator Looney, and Speaker Sharkey does most of his dealing with Representative Klarides.

Senator Kissel stated they're going into an election year, and usually the mantra in the Legislature, whether it's Democrat or Republican, is "do no harm". He noted this means there shouldn't be a big push that will harm municipalities. He stated there will be some controversial issues. He went on to note he recently spoke to Senator Looney about bail reform, whereby it's not fair to have someone stuck because they can't meet bail, and they're actually approaching what they would serve if they were actually convicted of a

crime. He stated the Governor has a proposal to raise the juvenile age to 21, and this is highly controversial to a lot of people on his side of the aisle.

He stated he doesn't know if there were any Republicans that supported the automobile tax issue. He noted they're very concerned that while this may look good initially and the Towns are all held harmless, the towns' share dries up in following years.

Senator Kissel stated the deficit projections for the out years past this cycle are really dramatic. He noted this is concerning because incomes are flat for the middle class, and people are struggling to make ends meet. He stated the State can't keep going back to the well looking for increased revenues, i.e. tolls. He noted people don't have an extra \$50 to drive to and from work, and they have to be very sensitive to that. He stated the real estate market in Connecticut is flat, and Connecticut lags behind other states in a lot of categories. He noted they raised all the fees on the probate court systems. He stated Connecticut ranks last as the place to die because a lot is lost out of an estate, and this will result in people planning to create residencies in other states.

He stated everyone has been championing for the rail line, and the Governor stepped forward in bonding and put down \$155 million dollars. He noted while this won't build Enfield's train station, it's a necessary step along that track. He stated his belief both sides of the aisle and the Governor are committed to making the rail system a reality.

Representative Kiner stated they did go with some of the Republican ideas, and they set up commissions to study spending caps and efficiencies in state government to see how they can save money in the future. He noted they cut only half of the projected deficit in the future, and in the current year, they totally eliminated the deficit. He stated they restored a lot of funds, i.e., hospital funds, school transportation funds.

Representative Alexander stated he has concerns with the budget and the mitigation plan done last week. He noted he voted "no" on the budget in June primarily because of SB-1. He stated personal income growth in Connecticut is at about 1.5%. He noted the state budget really needs to be at about 5% to make it work. He stated he has a very big concern on many levels with SB-1. He noted right now homeowners get a \$200 credit on property tax, but it's going to \$100. He stated essentially they're raising taxes for homeowners by \$100 to level car taxes at a certain rate, and monies go to cities instead. He feels this is unfair to Enfield. He went on to note it will cost \$250 million dollars this year to implement SB-1, and it will get more expensive as time goes on. He stated if they get rid of SB-1, \$250 million dollars is saved. He noted it's a noble idea, and if income growth was at 5%, it would be worth a try.

He stated the Governor has a very laudable transportation plan, but he doesn't believe all of it is affordable right now. He noted \$11 million dollars a year is spent on bike paths, and he feels while bike paths are nice, they're not a wise investment at this time. He stated instead of cutting in this area or SB-1, the choice was to cut hospitals and social services.

Representative Alexander stated he has heard that fire districts may have to raise fire district taxes on property owners because they may not be able to potentially tax on cars.

Representative Alexander referred to the revenue side and noted he doesn't understand why they didn't propose a capital gains tax. He stated there was a proposal in the Finance Revenue Bonding Committee to have a capital gains tax for very high gains of investments, which would be lower rates than Massachusetts and New York. He questioned why the Governor didn't want this. He noted the Governor put forward \$20 million dollars for charter school expansion. He pointed out there's no accountability system in place right now for the charter schools they have.

He stated he's on the Finance Committee, and as a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee, he is working on getting tax exempt military pensions for retired veterans. He noted he's aware of veterans moving out of Enfield to Western Massachusetts because Massachusetts and New York exempt military tax pensions and Rhode Island taxes at a lower rate. He stated Connecticut needs to stay economically competitive with neighboring states because people are leaving.

Representative Alexander stated he will be working with the Public Health Committee regarding an adoption birth certificate bill for all adoptees.

He stated he is in favor of the Governor's proposal to do a lock box for the transportation fund, but he's a little concerned this could also be a way to raise the gas tax.

He noted he is staying on top of funding to bring rail service to Enfield.

Councilor Lee questioned the outlook for the corrections facilities. Senator Kissel stated the last he heard was that one of the items up for negotiation was the closure of the Enfield Correctional Institute. He noted this has been the Commissioners long-term plan, and this might happen in the future. He stated there would be very few job losses with estimated job losses less than two dozen administrative and no job losses of correctional officers. He stated this has to do with a diminishing prison population. He went on to note the State has no interest in selling the property.

Councilor Lee stated he's glad SB-1 is really the big issue. He stated his belief the Enfield Town Council is one of the few entities clamoring about this. He noted there doesn't appear to be any difference in the implementer from what came out of the House. He stated he doesn't know how that would be enforceable.

Representative Alexander stated he kept bringing this up, and that it's not fair and equitable to Enfield.

Representative Kiner stated SB-1 is going to keep municipalities whole or increase funds to municipalities. He noted the Town won't be losing money, and the fire districts won't lose money. He stated at the end of the day, they'll get it figured out. He noted this was a priority of Senator Looney, who is a Senator of a big city, and big city legislators want it,

and it's going to keep funds whole to Enfield. He noted he would not be supporting anything that was going to be cutting funds to Enfield substantially. He stated answers will be provided.

Councilor Lee stated his belief the intent is to give the State control to provide revenue to larger districts and urban areas. He noted the way they're doing that is by stripping the taxing and budget setting authority from the municipality.

Councilor Arnone stated Enfield's water pollution control plant will be going through an upgrade, and Enfield will be looking to the State for some funding. He noted this is a regional issue relating to the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound. He stated there's not much grant money available, and there isn't much State support to help Enfield rebuild its water pollution control plant which will benefit everyone south of Enfield. He pointed out DEEP is looking at loans. He stated for the next year, they really need to look at the funding sources from DEEP regarding some reimbursement and grant money.

Chairman Kaupin questioned the projected deficit. Senator Kissel stated they were looking at a deficit for this fiscal year that ends June 30th. He noted the following year was about \$400 million, and about \$200 million of that was addressed. He stated he's concerned about the year after that, and he believes they're looking at over a billion.

Representative Kiner stated the Governor's office is optimistic they will find efficiencies that will help to address that \$200 million dollars.

Representative Alexander stated he doesn't believe the revenue projections are as accurate as the economy.

Senator Kissel stated his aide will reach out to Chairman Kaupin and perhaps they can get back a list everyone can share as to what the municipality's priorities are.

Representative Kiner stated they'll definitely follow-up.

MOTION #3417 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Deni to go into Executive Session.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3417** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood recessed at 6:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin at 6:17 p.m.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Arnone, Bosco, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin, Lee, Sarno, Stokes and Szewczak. Also present were Acting Town Manager, Lee Erdmann; Chief of Police, Carl Sferrazza; Deputy Chief of Police, Gary Collins; Captains

of Police, Jeffrey Golden and Fred Hall; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki and Town Attorney, Kevin Deneen

Personnel Matters, Pending or Threatened Litigation and Real Estate Negotiations were discussed with no action or votes being taken.

Chairman Kaupin adjourned the Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. He reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:53 p.m. and stated during Executive Session, Personnel Matters, Pending or Threatened Litigation and Real Estate Negotiations were discussed with no action or votes being taken.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #3418 by Councilor Stokes, seconded by Councilor Deni to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3418** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne F. Olechnicki
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Jeannette Lamontagne
Secretary to the Council

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The Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, December 21, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER – The Prayer was given by Councilor Cekala.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Arnone, Bosco, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin, Lee, Sarno, Stokes and Szewczak. Also present were Acting Town Manager, Lee Erdmann; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki; Town Attorney, Kevin Deneen; Chief of Police, Carl Sferrazza; Director of Social Services, Pam Brown; Director of Youth Services, Jean Haughey and Prevention Coordinator, Colleen Sullivan; Acting Director of Finance, John Wilcox

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Kaupin made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #3419 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Cekala to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2015 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3419** adopted 11-0-0.

MOTION #3420 by Councilor Deni, seconded by Councilor Arnone to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3420** adopted 11-0-0.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Jiggy's Café

Jeff, a representative of Jiggy's Café, shared with the Council about their successful Toys for Joy fundraiser, which resulted in donating many bikes and toys to the Enfield Police Department for their Toys for Joy campaign.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Gemma Beebe, 16 Martin Street

Voiced her concern about pedestrian safety in the area of the old firehouse and Caronna's market.

Robert Lambert, 26 Oakwood Street

Expressed his appreciation for the Christmas tree and Christmas sleigh on the Town Green. He feels something is missing without a nativity scene, and he doesn't feel the Town is doing a good job showing the reason for the season. He feels as though an important issue is being sidestepped. He pointed out West Springfield has a nativity scene and menorah in the center of that town.

Jordan Frechette, 12 Pleasant Street

Stated he represents a group known as the Community Addiction Awareness Project, also known as "CAAP". He noted they work closely with the Enfield Together Coalition, and their purpose is to bring awareness to the community of the problems that addictions have created. He stated heroin has become quite epidemic in this area. He noted CAAP is comprised of recovering addicts, and these people have seen first hand what happens when people get caught in the grip of addiction, and all of them have managed to recover. He stated they're trying to bring their stories to the table and teach people how to recover and show them what they did through their own personal experiences.

Mr. Frechette stated one of the reasons he stayed in active addiction for so long was because he didn't know how to get better. He stated he's sure there are other people who don't know how to get on the other side of their addiction. He noted he has small children in the community, and he's concerned about the epidemic created by heroin, other drugs and alcohol. He stated CAAP feels they can be a great asset to agencies and this community.

Chairman Kaupin invited Mr. Frechette to provide contact information. Mr. Frechette stated CAAP is set up through Facebook. He noted people should go on Facebook and search "Community Addiction Awareness Project", their page will come up and they're also known as "CAAP". He stated there are six administrators, including himself, and if people leave a message, they will respond.

Leonard Mason, 15 Drummond Road

Stated he is a member of CAAP. He noted this organization wants to get the message out that recovery is possible, and to bring about more action to bring people to recovery. He stated he grew up in Brooklyn, NY and saw the struggle firsthand of what it's like growing up in an area where there's peer pressure and the influence it could have on a young mind. He noted he was involved with drugs and alcohol early on and ultimately became an alcoholic. He stated he moved to Enfield about 35 years ago, and sought recovery in Enfield and has maintained his sobriety for 28 years. He pointed out

the recovery programs in Enfield are powerful and big. He noted the missing link is getting people to recovery programs before they get into trouble or overdose.

Maureen Mullen, 1625 King Street

Thanked the previous speakers, and stated she's so happy to be in a community where people can get the help they need and recover.

Ms. Mullen stated there's been more rain and her sump pump is running again. She noted the vegetation on the berm is drying, and there are some bare spots. She concerned what could happen over the course of the winter.

She stated her understanding the Town Planner looked at some maps that CREC brought in. She noted the Town Planner plans to meet with the Town Attorney and CREC staff on December 29th.

Ms. Mullen stressed the importance of testing soil that's brought in.

She stated she did make a report about trash being picked up at the Public Safety Academy at 1:30 a.m. every day, and this disturbs her sleep.

Paul DeGregorio, 15 Debbie Lane

Spoke about an anonymous grass complaint on August 3rd. He noted he filed an FOI complaint on September 15th so he could get a copy of the complaint. He stated he came to Town Hall and the Zoning Department said they couldn't help him, and the secretary left the Zoning Department to go to the Town Manager's office and then informs him Zoning is no longer involved, but rather the Town Manager's Office is involved. He questioned how many people are involved in this complaint. He stated at 2:44 p.m., the Enfield Police are called when he was only asking for an FOI complaint. He read a statement which read, "I was dispatched to the Town Hall because Mr. DeGregorio was in the Town Manager's reportedly acting strangely". He noted he had his co-worker present to witness this because of how he was treated on September 15th when he filed the complaint. He questioned the motivation of the person who made this phone call, what are they looking to accomplish and what is their objective. He noted the basic answer is they're calling the police to have him falsely arrested to cover up this quagmire because there was never an anonymous complaint, and they're covering it up by passing it onto the Town Manager, and now the Town Manager is saying he has to deal with the Town Attorney. He added the Chief of Police is also involved. He stated on November 19th, he requested the phone call that came in from the Town Hall to the Enfield Police so that he could implicate the person or persons that are involved in making this false report because he doesn't want anyone getting away with character assassination, especially with his excellent record as a contractor with the State of Connecticut.

Mr. DeGregorio stated he's tired of being trashed by the Town of Enfield. He stated if someone is going to file a complaint against him, they shouldn't hide behind anonymity.

Carrie Hagan, 6 Foxcroft Road

Stated she is a member of CAAP. She noted she also struggled with addiction, and became sober at 19 and stayed sober for 10 years. She stated she ended up with a medical issue when she was given pain killers. She noted at the time she didn't realize the pain killers would cause a relapsing. She stated when the pain killers were cut off, she was already addicted, and this led to a heroin problem. She noted she used heroin for two years, and she lost her children, her home and vehicles. She stated the 12-step program saved her life. She noted her whole family is back together, and it's amazing. She stated her daughter is in JFK, and the heroin problem in Enfield is alarming. She noted she heard rumors of 12 year olds sniffing heroin. She feels there needs to be a lot more awareness of this problem, and it would be wonderful if they could have more resources available.

Richard Walsh, 12 Pleasant Street

Stated heroin destroys families and lives. He noted he personally had to go to prison several times in order to get clean. He stated meanwhile he lost his children, but now he's gaining them back after 13 years of not seeing them. He noted he wants to help young people and parents to realize how serious this is.

Sophia O'Rell, 241/2 Summer Street

Stated she is part of CAAP, and she has been in recovery for 3 ½ years. She noted her daughter attends JFK Middle School. She stated at JFK, they had the D.A.R.E. program and once the D.A.R.E. program finished there was nothing else. She noted the 12-step programs are great in Enfield, but she's really concerned about the heroin epidemic and the need for more education for children and parents. She stated they have to spread the awareness that help is available.

Paul DeGregorio, 15 Debbie Lane

Stated on December 17th he filed a complaint to learn who called for the police at Town Hall. He noted no one was acting strangely at Town Hall. He pointed out Angelo Timmerman, Robert Santanella and Rick Rochelli are all retired from the Police Department and are now employed at Town Hall. He questioned if nepotism is involved. He questioned if the most qualified person was hired for this position. He feels they need to start trimming the fat of this town because the money they're spending on him alone is incredible. He concluded stating his hope something will be done.

Kathleen Schleher, 249 Babbs Road, West Suffield, CT

Stated she is also with CAAP. She noted other communities, such as Gloucester, Massachusetts, have programs to help people with this drug epidemic. She stated working with the Police Department is helpful. She noted more education needs to be done in school. She stated CAAP is available to bring awareness to the community.

Elizabeth Davis, 201 North Maple Street

She commended the representatives of CAAP for coming forward and making a difference.

Ms. Davis referred to a previous speaker who received a notice of violation from the property maintenance inspector. She noted her son owns 278/280 Hazard Avenue, and he received a letter and photos concerning his property. She questioned the protocol and whether the Town speaks to residents first before taking pictures and then sending a copy to the mortgage company. She noted it's not even a fine yet. She stated her son is trying to rehab this home, however, he's at the point where he wants to fix up this home, sell it and leave Enfield. She stated this home is in the Hazardville section, and she's hoping this isn't a result of her comments about the Hazardville Institute.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Arnone thanked CAAP for attending this meeting. He noted the Council will be voting on an agenda item this evening concerning the Narcotics Task Force. He stated a committee is being started, and he hopes they can include a CAAP member on this committee. He noted they hope to have the whole holistic attitude along with this program and Social Services.

Councilor Bosco thanked CAAP for attending this meeting.

He requested the Town clean up the pile of sheetrock in front of the hunters' club. He noted the sheetrock is on Town property.

Councilor Bosco stated he doesn't believe the Town should be taking anonymous complaints.

Councilor Stokes thanked CAAP for their attendance at this meeting.

He noted he doesn't know why Enfield doesn't have a nativity scene on the Town Green. He stated perhaps the Town Attorney could look into that. He suggested perhaps the Council of Churches can adopt a spot for a nativity scene. He stated his belief Enfield is a community that's strong in faith.

Councilor Edgar commended CAAP for sharing their stories tonight.

He referred to a concern raised earlier about traffic hazards near Caronna's market and questioned when the new lighting will be installed in this area. He noted they don't have much police presence in this area.

Councilor Edgar stated he would like the results of the air quality testing at Prudence Crandall, and he hasn't seen a definitive answer concerning the paint used at Enfield High School.

Councilor Cekala thanked CAAP for their attendance at this meeting. She stated her hope CAAP is used as a resource by Social Services, the Police and the schools.

She stated she attended the Rachel's Challenge breakfast, and it was a great event.

Councilor Szewczak commended CAAP for coming forward this evening.

She stated her understanding there would be a cold weather warming center at 353 Hazard Avenue. She suggested a listing of warming facilities be available and that they look for permanent housing for homeless people.

Councilor Szewczak stated she did make an inquiry about the latex paint. She pointed out latex paint does not contain latex.

MOTION #3421 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Stokes to suspend the rules to address under Miscellaneous Items 14 A1, A2, E, G and H.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3421** adopted 11-0-0.

Chairman Kaupin thanked the representatives of CAAP for attending this meeting, and he thanked them for their commitment to help the recovery efforts of Enfield. He acknowledged heroin is a big problem, and there are two items on tonight's agenda that may be the first public efforts on behalf of the Town to address this issue. He noted Pam Brown and Jean Haughey from Social Services and Youth Services have been promoting this issue for quite some time.

He stated a few years ago Enfield responded to an issue with youth and suicide, and out of that came a whole host of support from within the Town. He noted one of the support mechanisms in the school system was the implementation of Rachel's Challenge, and it's changed the culture within the schools. He noted that can be a related example of how the community responds to a need and turns a negative into a very productive positive. He stated his belief the Town will need the help of CAAP. He stated if CAAP doesn't feel the Town is paying attention, he invites them to communicate that. He thanked everyone for sharing their stories, and many people can relate to such issues.

Chairman Kaupin thanked everyone involved in the recent Wreaths Across America and Cookies for Camouflage events. He read a note of appreciation from one of the recipients of the cookie drive.

He stated the Enfield Rotary Club will be holding the annual girls' basketball classic on Monday, December 28th and Tuesday, December 29th at Fermi High School.

As concerns a nativity scene on the Town Green, Chairman Kaupin stated he doesn't recall the Town of Enfield ever having a nativity scene. He noted every year around Thanksgiving he receives an email from a group cautioning the Town about what's placed on the Town Green. He stated he loves that the Town Green has a Christmas tree, and when they light the tree they sing Christmas carols, however, this is something they can look into.

Chairman Kaupin stated they will look into the issue raised by Liz Davis.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Erdmann requested Item 14f be withdrawn from the agenda. He explained that was a bid waiver request, but they re-examined this and believe they have sufficient time to go out to bid and make a selection based on a formal bid process.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Deneen stated an FOI training session is being set up for various boards and commissions. He noted they're looking at some dates in February.

Attorney Deneen referred to the nativity scene item raised early and noted there are reams of paper on various Supreme Court or district court cases. He noted they've gotten down to the level that it's permitted as long as the building or land that it is on is not a core government function. He stated it hasn't been an issue in Enfield in the past.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Enfield High School Renovation Building Committee

Councilor Szewczak stated she spoke to Andrew Longey, Principal of Enfield High School, and he stated students are enjoying the building.

Councilor Edgar stated he attended a Revitalization Committee meeting, and they're having the same issue as other committees in that members are not showing up.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS (TOWN COUNCIL)

MOTION #3422 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Arnone to remove Item #9 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3422** adopted 11-0-0.

NOMINATION #3423 by Councilor Hall to appoint Linda DeGray (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate member for a term which expires 12/31/2019.

MOTION #3424 by Councilor Stokes, seconded by Councilor Deni to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3424** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Linda DeGray appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate by an 11-0-0 vote.

MOTION #3425 by Councilor Edgar, seconded by Councilor Arnone to remove Item #12 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3425** adopted 11-0-0.

NOMINATION #3426 by Councilor Edgar to appoint Mary Scutt (D) to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term which expires 12/31/2019.

MOTION #3427 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Stokes to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3427** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Mary Scutt appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission by an 11-0-0 vote.

MOTION #3428 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Arnone to remove Item #18 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3428** adopted 11-0-0.

NOMINATION #3429 by Councilor Lee to reappoint Elizabeth Bouley (R) to the Enfield Beautification Committee for a term which expires 12/01/2018.

MOTION #3430 by Councilor Stokes, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3430** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Elizabeth Bouley reappointed to the Enfield Beautification Committee by an 11-0-0 vote.

All other appointments remained tabled.

Items C, D, E, F and G remained on the table.

MOTION #3431 by Councilor Stokes, seconded by Councilor Lee to remove Item H. from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3431** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3432 by Councilor Stokes, seconded by Councilor Lee.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby appoint Kevin Deneen as Town Attorney for the Town of Enfield for a term which expires December 31, 2017.

AMENDMENT #1 by Councilor Edgar, seconded by Councilor Deni to amend the resolution as follows:

RESOLVED THAT; the Council approve a lateral transfer of Christopher Bromson from Director of Public Safety to the position of Town Attorney.

RESOLVED THAT; Christopher Bromson as Town Attorney will continue to hold the position of Risk Manager concurrently.

RESOLVED THAT; Christopher Bromson will continue to receive his current rate of compensation.

RESOLVED THAT; that the position of Director of Public Safety shall remain vacant pending the results of the 2016-2017 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the effective date of this action shall be January 1, 2016 and will continue to be effective until January 1, 2018.

Chairman Kaupin stated he learned of this over the weekend, and he called Christopher Bromson, and he met with him this morning. He noted Mr. Bromson does acknowledge receiving a phone call from Councilor Edgar late last week. He stated Mr. Bromson is under the impression that if the position became available that he would like to be considered through an interview search process, and he did not want to be put into a position where his name was going up against Kevin Deneen.

He stated his belief they pride themselves in a government that is open and that they dialog. He noted as leadership, Councilor Edgar was in a meeting on Thursday, and Councilor Edgar stated he was going to do one thing and now he's doing something entirely different. He stated he spoke to Mr. Bromson when he heard about it.

Chairman Kaupin stated he does not support this amendment whatsoever. He stated his belief the position of Director of Public Safety is a vital position for the Town. He stated his impression this places Mr. Bromson in a very delicate situation, and as of this morning, he had no idea he was going to be placed in this position.

Councilor Stokes stated he learned about this today. He noted he's glad to hear Mr. Bromson doesn't want to be put up against another attorney because it doesn't sound like the right way to go about it. He stated he's concerned about the public safety area. He

noted he serves on the Public Safety Committee with Councilor Edgar and Chairman Kaupin, and the idea of leaving the Public Safety Director position vacant wasn't discussed. He stated a meeting is scheduled on January 6th with the School Security Committee, and Mr. Bromson was a vital part of understanding security protocols, especially with removing armed security officers. He noted there's a lot of work to do, and Mr. Bromson has a wealth of understanding and knowledge about the buildings. He feels it's a very risky situation to just unilaterally remove that position for awhile. He encouraged the Council to vote "no" on this amendment.

Councilor Edgar stated he spoke to Mr. Bromson, and he was well aware of this, and he approved this and he said that he would put his name in this manner. He noted they were going to put it out for an interview, and then they thought they might solve the position once and for all without waiting and get it done tonight.

Councilor Edgar referred to Councilor Stokes concerns and noted that "Resolve" could be removed from the amendment, and Mr. Bromson would then hold both positions. He went on to state he really feels they need a change in Town Attorney. He stated he spoke to Mr. Bromson once by phone, which he believes was on Friday, and contrary to what has been said, he did agree to this. He noted this is the reason that he put this in writing per Charter so that everyone could see it. He requested a vote on this.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #1** adopted 6-5-0, with Councilors Bosco, Kaupin, Lee, Stokes and Szewczak voting against the amendment.

Chairman Kaupin called for a general vote. Councilor Edgar stated under Robert's Rules, he doesn't believe a roll-call vote on the resolution is required. Chairman Kaupin stated since he runs the meeting, he will have one more vote because that's the way it's always done.

Councilor Hall called for clarification on this vote. Chairman Kaupin stated a "yes" vote would be in favor of Attorney Bromson.

Chairman Kaupin noted this involves a personnel position, and the Council doesn't have the right to hire or fire a Director of Public Safety.

Councilor Stokes stated there's a conflict of whether Mr. Bromson would accept or reject.

Councilor Edgar pointed out the amendment has been passed, and discussion should only be on the regular motion.

Chairman Kaupin stated they still have to vote on the resolution as amended.

Councilor Stokes stated if the Council votes on this, it's not known whether Mr. Bromson would accept this, and they are on a deadline to have this position filled before January

1st according to the Charter. He noted if they vote for this, and then Mr. Bromson indicates he's not interested, they've done a disservice to him and the Town in general. He stated the Council could take a recess and have a conversation with Mr. Bromson. He noted he doesn't want to vote on this unless they're sure because they're getting conflicting conversations.

Councilor Lee stated his belief there is a conflict in that what has been presented by Councilor Edgar is an amendment. He noted it is not a substitution as it does not effectively rescind what has been placed into nomination. He stated since someone has been placed into nomination, that nomination has to have a vote because it can be reconsidered by some other action. He noted in effect they now have an amendment in complete conflict with what a positive vote for the main motion is going to achieve.

Councilor Edgar stated an amendment has to be contrary to the main motion, and naming another name to the main motion made it contrary and a legal amendment. He noted the amendment has now been passed.

Councilor Lee stated Mr. Deneen's name has been placed into nomination, and it must be dealt with. Councilor Edgar responded it was on the amendment. Councilor Lee stated the amendment does not remove Mr. Deneen's name from nomination. Councilor Edgar stated it does not have to, it named another name and that was passed.

Chairman Kaupin stated there was a main resolution, it was not a nomination. He noted it was a resolution appointing Kevin Deneen as Town Attorney. He stated Councilor Edgar made an amendment to the resolution and changed the language. He noted they voted for the amendment, and they have to go back and vote again on the main resolution.

Attorney Deneen stated if the Council is going to vote on the main motion, it's a regular roll call vote.

Councilor Szewczak questioned whether they can say the name of the attorney they wish to have so that it's clear.

Attorney Deneen stated there's a motion before the body that needs to be dealt with.

Chairman Kaupin stated his belief there are two or three things within this resolution that violates the Charter. He noted the Council has no business stating that Mr. Bromson will continue to hold the position of Risk Manager. He stated that's not the Council's job, it's the Town Manager's job. He noted the Council has no business setting his compensation. It's the Town Manager's job, not the Town Council's. He referred to the statement, "the position of Director of Public Safety shall remain vacant pending the results of the budget", and noted that's not the Council's role, but rather it's the Town Manager's role to name a Director of Public Safety. He stated if they are looking to change Town Attorneys, he believes there are ways that meet the muster of the Charter.

He concluded stating his belief this amendment violates the Charter, and he encouraged his colleagues to vote “no”.

Councilor Edgar stated there is no Charter violation here. He noted the first “Resolved” changes the name of the Town Attorney to Christopher Bromson. He stated the second “Resolved” has Christopher Bromson keeping the position of Risk Manager, which was given to him by a former Manager. He noted the third “Resolved” says he will continue to keep his same rate of pay, which was approved before and is not trying to make change. He added his belief the current Town Attorney makes a little more. As concerns the Director of Public Safety, he noted the position was made by a past Town Manager and approved by the Council before, and it’s only saying it will remain vacant for six months. He noted the position is not done away with, and it’s up to the next budget. He pointed out he checked the Charter before writing the amendment.

Chairman Kaupin stated his belief they have different interpretations of the Charter, and he feels this is trodding all over it. He noted if they went out for a search, the Charter wouldn’t be violated.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3432** adopted, as amended, by a 6-5-0 vote, with Councilors Bosco, Kaupin, Lee, Stokes and Szewczak voting against the resolution, as amended.

Chairman Kaupin requested the Town Manager submit this resolution to Shipman & Goodwin for a legal opinion by Thursday.

MOTION #3432A by Councilor Cekala, seconded by Councilor Sarno to remove Item I. from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3432** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3433 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Szewczak.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 14, Article IV of the Enfield Town Code, Property Maintenance, the owners of 10 Connecticut Avenue and 26-32 Church Street (property owners) were cited for blighted premises and were fined accordingly; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14-180 of the Enfield Town Code, the property owners did not contest liability for the violation before a duly appointed hearing officer; and

WHEREAS, the hearing officer found the property owners liable, ruling in favor of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the hearing officer notified the property owners in writing of such decision; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14-183 of the Enfield Town Code, property maintenance liens securing the fines were recorded in the Town's land records; and

WHEREAS, the property owners have approached the Town with prospective buyers; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the property maintenance liens is greater than the value of each property; and

WHEREAS, the property owners have requested that the Town waive a portion of the unpaid property maintenance liens in order to allow for the sale of each property; and

WHEREAS, the above-noted request pertains only to the property maintenance liens filed per Town Code Section 14-183; the delinquent taxes on both properties and the clean and lien fees on 10 Connecticut Avenue will be paid in full; and

WHEREAS, the alternative to waiving a portion of the liens is for the Town to foreclose on the properties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does authorize the waiver of a portion of the property maintenance liens on 10 Connecticut Avenue and 26-32 Church Street, and authorizes that the amounts set forth in Attachment A be accepted in lieu of the full payment of those liens.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3433** defeated 0-11-0.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATION #3434 by Councilor Edgar to reappoint Charles Duren (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term which expires 12/31/2019.

MOTION #3435 by Councilor Deni, seconded by Councilor Edgar to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3435** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Charles Duren reappointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission by an 11-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #3436 by Councilor Hall to reappoint Nicles Lefakis (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term which expires 12/31/2019.

NOMINATION #3437 by Councilor Bosco to appoint Kenneth Nelson (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

MOTION #3438 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3438** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Nicles Lefakis appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission by a 9-2-0 vote, with Councilors Bosco and Sarno voting for Kenneth Nelson.

NOMINATION #3439 by Councilor Arnone to appoint Richard Szewczak (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate for a term which would expire 12/31/2019.

MOTION #3440 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Stokes to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3440** adopted 11-0-0.

Councilor Deni stated he will not be voting for this because he doesn't feel a person should be on a main commission such as a land use board and have a spouse on the Council.

Councilor Edgar stated his belief a man and wife should not be on the Council and a land use board. He acknowledged Mr. Szewczak is an excellent architect.

Councilor Arnone stated he worked with Mr. Szewczak on Wetlands, and he has always been fair and put Enfield first. He noted he sees a separation between the Town Council and land use boards because the Council has no say over them, and they have no say over the Town Council, and there's a complete heavy line between these two bodies, and he sees no conflict at all. He pointed out Mr. Szewczak does a lot for this community, and he trusts him with the public's trust.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Richard Szewczak appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate by an 8-2-1 vote, with Councilors Deni and Edgar against and Councilor Szewczak abstaining.

Items D and E will appear on a future agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Item F. will be removed from the agenda.

DISCUSSION RE: CREATION OF REGIONAL OPIOID ADDICTION PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Present for this discussion were Director of Social Services, Pam Brown; Director of Youth Services, Jean Haughey and Prevention Coordinator, Colleen Sullivan

Ms. Brown stated they are present tonight to propose that Enfield initiate the Regional Opioid Addiction Prevention Task Force. She noted heroin and opioid addiction is a crisis in Enfield. She stated Enfield has seen a significant increase in the opioid addiction and unintended death as a result. She noted Connecticut has seen an increase in overdose deaths from 355 deaths in 2012 to a projected 679 in 2015. She stated a comprehensive community response is critical to address this crisis. She noted they propose inviting neighboring communities, i.e., Suffield, Somers, East Windsor, Windsor Locks and Windsor so that they can be really strong. She noted a lot of what needs to be addressed cannot be addressed on just a local level. She stated they would include community partners such as the State Police Drug Task Force, local police departments, local EMS, local Social Services Departments, the local public schools, local probation office representative, North Central Regional Health Department, the District Attorney's Office, local sheriff's office, Asnuntuck Community College, Community Health Resources, local medical providers, local pharmacists, St. Francis Care, Hartford Hospital, Johnson Memorial Hospital, Mary Lou Strom Community Health Center, New Directions, Enfield Together Coalition, local prevention councils such as CAAP, veterans services, faith communities and any other groups that would like to participate.

Ms. Brown stated Ms. Sullivan would be willing to be the Coordinator, and she feels she has the capacity under the state and federal grants that Youth Services has secured for Enfield. She noted eventually, they may need additional resources, but it's hoped that with all these community partners, they'll be able to secure other grants. She acknowledged this will be a long struggle and a lot of hard work, but it's believed this is the time for the community to pull together to address the problem.

Ms. Sullivan stated she's the Prevention Coordinator of the Enfield Together Coalition. She noted they don't look just at opiates, prescription medication, or heroin, but rather they look at the whole picture of substance abuse, i.e., alcohol, marijuana or other substances youth are using. She explained how the grant works.

Ms. Haughey stated they would like everyone at the table. She noted they have been doing a lot of research and they will be sure to stay current.

Councilor Arnone stated he's looking forward to working with the coalition.

There was a consensus by the Town Council to go forward.

MISCELLANEOUS

MOTION #3441 by Councilor Edgar, seconded by Councilor Lee to adopt the Consent Agenda.
Settle Potential Liability Marine Shale Processors Superfund Site
Authorize Town Manager Sell Police Department Canine

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3441** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3442 by Councilor Edgar seconded by Councilor Arnone.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO: 10181000 533900 Treasury – Other Professional Services \$15,000

FROM: 10181000 511000 Treasury – Salaries \$15,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of September 14, 2015.

/s/ John Wilcox, Acting Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3442** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3443 by Councilor Arnone, seconded by Councilor Deni.

RESOLVED, that Scott R. Kaupin, Mayor of the Town of Enfield, acting on behalf of the Enfield Town Council, is authorized to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with Lee C. Erdmann to continue as Acting Town Manager, pursuant to the Enfield Town Charter, with the approval and concurrence of the Enfield Town Attorney.

Chairman Kaupin thanked Mr. Erdmann for leading this organization for the past three months. He noted all feedback he received from employees and residents has been very positive. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Erdmann's work.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3443** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3444 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Arnone.

RESOLVED, that Carl Sferrazza, Chief of Police, is authorized to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with North Central Regional Narcotics Task Force.

Chief Sferrazza shared a three-minute video on this topic. He noted two days ago, they ended their second year-long investigation regarding narcotics dealing in Enfield. He stated in November of last year, they had 27 arrests and 23 arrests this year. He noted they've been able to secure arrest warrants for approximately 50 individuals in the last 14 months and in many cases convictions and prison sentences for a lot of them. He stated these arrests were very labor intensive, and these were actually people who were dealing heroin, oxycodone, crack cocaine and drug factories. He stated his belief the problems in Enfield are not any worse than other towns. He noted they've experienced approximately 12 deaths and 30 to 50 near deaths as a result of heroin in Enfield. He stated his opinion this is a public safety crisis, and he feels the community needs to understand the Police Department is doing all it can to put a stop to this problem.

He stated 40% of the cases they deal with take them out of town. He noted the heroin dealers don't stop at the town line, and a lot of their investigations take them across the river to Windsor Locks in the vicinity of all the hotels by the airport and even Suffield. He noted in order to be more effective and to do this more cost effectively, they need to combat this on a regional basis. He stated they've reached out to area towns, and they had several meetings with Chiefs of Police in Suffield and Windsor Locks, and those Police Chiefs brought this proposal back to their respective police commissions and selectmen, and they are 100% on board with this.

Chief Sferrazza stated they're proposing the North Central Regional Drug Task Force be comprised of members of the Enfield Police Department, the Windsor Locks Police Department, and the Suffield Police Department. He noted the Enfield Police Department would supervise the unit as was recommended by the Supervising State's Attorney. He stated it's believed that by combining forces with these other towns, there are different assets and investigative techniques that Enfield can use, and they will continue putting pressure on people dealing drugs. He stated it's understood they can't totally eliminate this problem, but that's what they aim for. He feels combining resources with other agencies provides the best opportunity to do what they can on a regional basis to eliminate narcotics dealing in town.

He stated a lot of crimes are a result of heroin addiction.

Chief Sferrazza stated he is present tonight asking the Council for their approval to allow the Enfield Police Department to join this task force.

Councilor Stokes voiced his support of the Enfield Police Department in this effort.

Councilor Arnone expressed his appreciation for the Enfield Police Department playing a lead role in this effort.

Councilor Deni commended Chief Sferrazza for doing a great job.

Councilor Cekala questioned what police personnel will be involved. Chief Sferrazza stated the supervision will be led by the Enfield Police Department and the other

departments will designate who they wish to be involved. He noted they're not requesting additional personnel from the Council to accomplish this. He stated supervision is absolutely essential in these types of operations, therefore, the Enfield Police Department will be placing one of their sergeants in this unit. He noted they will ask the Council's permission to promote an existing patrol officer to the rank of sergeant. He stated as concerns budget impact, they will have to come up with \$3 to \$4 thousand dollars initially and afterwards he doesn't see any other expenses.

Councilor Sarno commended the Police Department for their good work.

Councilor Lee requested Chief Sferrazza let people know what they can do if they find a family member in crisis or have a problem relating to narcotics. Chief Sferrazza stated the most important thing of all is keeping people alive. He noted if someone comes upon a loved one or friend who they believe has overdosed, they need to dial 911 for emergency service so the proper medical people can get there. He stated no one will be hauled off to jail because the first priority is to preserve life, and then they'll conduct an investigation. He stated it's recognized that the Police Department's ability is to arrest dealers, but there is an educational component as well. He feels Enfield is well positioned to deal with enforcement, but prevention as well. He stated as time goes on, they'll have more information about pamphlets, numbers and websites.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3444** adopted 11-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no comments from the public.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Deneen thanked the Town Council and prior Councils for the opportunity of serving the Town of Enfield over the past eight years. He noted it's been a pleasure and privilege to do so. He stated there's some wonderful staff working very hard every day, and it has been his pleasure to interact with them.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #3445 by Councilor Szewczak, seconded by Councilor Stokes to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3445** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Suzanne F. Olechnicki
Town Clerk, Clerk of the Council

Jeannette Lamontagne
Secretary to the Council

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ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO SETTLE MARINE SHALE PROCESSORS SUPERFUND SITE
PRP GROUP

RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby authorize the Town Attorney, Kevin M. Deneen or his designee, to resolve any potential liability for the Site for a cash-out payments of \$2,500.

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Sell the Police Department Canine Known
as "Promise"

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council, upon the retirement of the Police Department canine known as "Promise" in early 2016, does hereby authorize the Town Manager to be the signatory on the Bill of Sale transferring ownership of Promise to her handler Officer Brian Croteau.



TOWN OF ENFIELD

December 30, 2015

Honorable Member
Enfield Town Council
Enfield, Connecticut

Subject: Request for transfer of funds for CIP School Playground Equipment- \$106,436.99

Councilors:

Highlights:

- Public Works has indicated that the Old Town Hall Renovations are complete
- The Various Brooks CIP account has not been used since prior to 2010.
- The Drainage Ditch EMIP account has not been used since prior to 2010.
- The Town Charter states that "projects shall be deemed abandoned if three(3) fiscal years elapse without any expenditure from or encumbrance of the appropriation therefor."

Budget Impact:

Because we will be using funds that are no longer needed for other projects, there will not be any budget impact.

Recommendation:

I recommend that the transfer request be approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John A. Wilcox", is written over the printed name.

John A. Wilcox
Acting Finance Director

Attachments:

1. Transfer request

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made.

TO: Capital Nonrecurring

School Playgrounds-Equipment	31008802 – 573000	\$ 106,436.99
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FROM: Treasury Department

Old Town Hall Renovations - Construction	31008111-545000	\$ 52,741.35
Various Brooks-Construction	31008308-545000	\$ 48,235.63
Drainage Ditch EMIP – Maintenance	31008324-545000	\$ 5,460.01

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of December 30, 2015.



John A. Wilcox, Acting Director of Finance

APPROVED BY: _____ **Town Manager** **Date:** _____



TOWN OF ENFIELD

December 28, 2016

Honorable Members
Enfield Town Council
Enfield, Connecticut

Subject: **8-24 Referral to Planning and Zoning Commission for Conveyance of Land on the North Side of Oliver Road**

Councilors:

Highlights:

- The Last Will and Testament of Mary Wojnar devised a .33 acre parcel to the Town of Enfield.
- The property is on the north side of Oliver Road and is on the east side of Route 91.
- The North Central Connecticut Probate Court issued a Certificate of Devise conveying title to the property from the Estate of Mary C. Wojnar, a/k/a Mary Wojnar to the Town of Enfield.
- The fair market value of the property, per the Inventory filed with the Probate Court and per the Town Assessor's records, is \$5,220.
- An abutting property owner has expressed an interest in acquiring title to the property.
- Prior to the Town's conveying the property, Connecticut General Statute §8-24 requires that the Town Council make a referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report.

Budget Impact:

No impact is anticipated.

Recommendation:

If the Town Council wishes to convey the above-described property, it should approve the attached resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark J. Cerrato
Assistant Town Attorney

Attachment:

1. Resolution

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF PARCEL OF LAND
ON THE NORTH SIDE OF OLIVER ROAD**

WHEREAS, the North Central Connecticut Probate Court, pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of Mary Wojnar, issued a Certificate of Devise to the Town of Enfield for a .33 acre parcel of land on the north side of Oliver Road (the property); and

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Devise was recorded in the Enfield Land Records on December 22, 2015 in volume 2633, page 1125; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Enfield does not wish to retain title to the property; and

WHEREAS, an abutting property owner has expressed an interest in acquiring title to the property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Connecticut General Statute §8-24, the conveyance of real property must be referred to the Enfield Planning and Zoning Commission for a report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Enfield Town Council does hereby refer the proposed conveyance of the above-described property to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report in conformance with the requirements of Connecticut General Statute §8-24.

Date Prepared: 12/28/15

Prepared by: Mark J. Cerrato



TOWN OF ENFIELD

December 23, 2015

Honorable Members
Enfield Town Council
Enfield, Connecticut

Subject: Resolution Amending Resolution #3410, an 8-24 Referral to Acquire Three Drainage Easements

Councilors:

Highlights:

- Correct the one address from 32 Crescent Lake Drive to 30 Crescent Beach Drive.
- Crescent Lake Road Reconstruction project.
- Formalize drainage easements at existing outlet locations.
- Replace and improve the drainage outlets under the road reconstruction contract.
- Property owners have agreed to proposed easements

The Town is currently reconstructing the roads around Crescent Lake. There are three existing drainage outlets which need to be utilized to keep the roads well drained and prolong the life of the Town's investment in the road reconstruction. These outlets have existed without formal drainage easements, as these streets were developed under a private lake association and subsequently the roads were accepted by the Town in 1994. It is recommended that the Town formalize these drainage easements, at this time. Staff is respectfully requesting Town Council forward this item to PZC for 8-24 referral.

Budget Impact:

There is no budget impact.

Recommendation:

That the Enfield Town Council accepts the attached amended resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Cabibbo", is written over the printed name.

John Cabibbo
Assistant Town Engineer

Attachments:

1. Resolution

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**Resolution Amending Resolution #3410, Regarding The Referral to the Planning
And Zoning Commission For The Proposed Acquisition of Easements Located at 30
Crescent Beach Drive, 42 Lake Drive and 61 Lake Drive**

WHEREAS, the original resolution #3410 stated, the Town of Enfield is looking to acquire drainage easements for drainage from 32 Crescent Lake Drive, 42 Lake Drive and 61 Lake Drive.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Enfield is looking to acquire drainage easements for drainage from 30 Crescent Beach Drive (corrected), 42 Lake Drive and 61 Lake Drive.; and

WHEREAS, there is public need for the Town to retain drainage easements on these Properties; and

WHEREAS, the Council must refer the proposed corrected transaction to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report in conformance with the requirements of Connecticut General Statute 8-24.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed transfer of the Easements is referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report in the conformance with the requirements of Connecticut General Statute 8-24.

Prepared by: Department of Public Works
Date Prepared: December 23, 2015

6 Pinecrest Rd.
Enfield, CT 06082-2367

December 29, 2015

Debra McCarthy
Town of Enfield, Connecticut
820 Enfield St.
Enfield, CT 06082

Deb,

I hereby resign my position as an alternate on the Enfield Zoning Board of Appeals. This resignation is effective immediately.

I am submitting an application for a seat as a full board member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with this resignation letter.

I ask that the Town Council review and act on my application at its January 19, 2015 meeting.

Thanks for expediting this matter,

Lynn A. Scull

Lynn A. Scull

CC: Mary Ann Turner
Maurice LaRosa
Charles Mastroberti
Andrew Urbanowicz

Town of Enfield**Application for Vacancy on Boards, Agencies & Commissions**

Date: 12/29/2015
Name: Lynn A. Scull
Address: 6 PINECREST RD
Telephone No. (Home): 8607492768 (Work): 8607492768
Occupation: Attorney E-Mail: lynnsnull@yahoo.com
Registered Voter: ☒ Yes ☐ No Party Affiliation: Democrat

Board, Commission or Agency
Interested in: Zoning Board of Appeals

☒ New Appointment ☐ Reappointment

Please outline your qualifications and how you feel you would contribute to the committee or commission:

Present member as alternate. Background in law. Homeowner and interested citizen.

Have you ever served on a Board, Commission or Agency in Enfield or elsewhere? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, please state name of Board, Commission or Agency and time server:

Enfield Board of Education 1999-2005 Enfield High School Building Committee 2013-Present
Enfield Zoning Board of Appeals 2013-Present

If this is a reappointment, please list the number of meetings attended during the last 12 months: 10

If the committee or commission which you requested has no more vacancies, would you consider appointment to another committee or commission? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Town of Enfield**Application for Vacancy on Boards, Agencies & Commissions**

Date: 10/28/2015
Name: Earl Stallings
Address: 22 middle rd, Enfield ct
Telephone No. (Home): 2036545483 (Work): 8603651021
Occupation: Banking and Lending E-Mail: Eas04003@gmail.com
Registered Voter: ☒ Yes ☐ No Party Affiliation: Democrat

Board, Commission or Agency
Interested in:

Planning & Zoning Commission

☒ New Appointment ☐ Reappointment

Please outline your qualifications and how you feel you would contribute to the committee or commission:

I am currently a Commercial Credit Analyst with Farm Credit East based in Enfield CT. Within my role I review and write complex loan narratives, analyze large corporate and private businesses, and assess the risks associated with lending to those businesses. I can apply those same techniques and strategies to the position available within planning and zoning. I work in a multifunctional team comprised of people with a variety of backgrounds making me an ideal candidate for the commission as I work well within the team setting and I like to take lead and provide support in any group or organization I am involved.

Have you ever served on a Board, Commission or Agency in Enfield or elsewhere? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, please state name of Board, Commission or Agency and time served:

Enfield Revitalization Strategy Committee - served on committee since 2012

If this is a reappointment, please list the number of meetings attended during the last 12 months:

If the committee or commission which you requested has no more vacancies, would you consider appointment to another committee or commission? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Town of Enfield**Application for Vacancy on Boards, Agencies & Commissions**

Date: 07/13/2015
 Name: Alan H Drinan
 Address: 36 MONROE RD
 Telephone No. (Home): 8607410640 (Work): 8603051600
 Occupation: College Instructor of Economics E-Mail: aloha.al@gmail.com
 Registered Voter: ☒ Yes ☐ No Party Affiliation: Unaffiliated

Board, Commission or Agency
Interested in:

Planning & Zoning Commission

☒ New Appointment ☐ Reappointment

Please outline your qualifications and how you feel you would contribute to the committee or commission:

I am applying to transition from Alternate Member to Regular Member of the Enfield Planning and Zoning Commission. Please see the details of my prior 2011 application (which may still be on file in the Office of the Enfield Town Manager) to be an Alternate Planning and Zoning Commissioner - a position I have held for four years since my May 2011 appointment. The qualifications listed in that prior application and this current application include: 1. Four years experience as Enfield Planning and Zoning Commissioner 2. Electrical Engineering Degree from Tufts University 3. M. B. A. Degree from the Harvard Business School 4. Licensed real estate broker in California, Hawaii, and Connecticut 5. Member of the Enfield Rotary Club since the summer of 2005 6. College instructor of economics and business courses at: a. Manchester Community College (current employer) b. Tunxis Community College c. Asnuntuck Community College d. Albertus Magnus College e. Post University f. Spring Arbor University g. University of Hawaii A resume with more detailed information regarding the experience listed above is available on request. My past contributions to the Planning and Zoning Commission are documented in the minutes of its meetings recorded during the past four years. As a Regular Member of the commission, I would continue to contribute in the same manner that I have in the past as an Alternate Commissioner.

Have you ever served on a Board, Commission or Agency in Enfield or elsewhere? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, please state name of Board, Commission or Agency and time server:

Four years as Alternate Member of the Enfield Planning and Zoning Commission from May 2011 to the present. I am applying for the position of Regular Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission most recently held by Ms. Kathleen Sarno.

If this is a reappointment, please list the number of meetings attended during the last 12 months:

If the committee or commission which you requested has no more vacancies, would you consider appointment to another committee or commission? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Town of Enfield**Application for Vacancy on Boards, Agencies & Commissions**

Date: 11/04/2015
Name: Carrie-Anne Howe
Address: 97 Windsor Street
Telephone No. (Home): 8607169619 (Work): 8607169619
Occupation: Paralegal E-Mail: carrieannehowe@lycos.com
Registered Voter: ☒ Yes ☐ No Party Affiliation: Democrat

Board, Commission or Agency
Interested in: Zoning Board of Appeals

☒ New Appointment ☐ Reappointment

Please outline your qualifications and how you feel you would contribute to the committee or commission:

I have 30 years experience as a corporate and commercial real estate paralegal and am very familiar with the process involved with ZBA activities.

Have you ever served on a Board, Commission or Agency in Enfield or elsewhere? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, please state name of Board, Commission or Agency and time server:

If this is a reappointment, please list the number of meetings attended during the last 12 months:

If the committee or commission which you requested has no more vacancies, would you consider appointment to another committee or commission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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